

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method for dispensing seeds and spacers comprising the steps of:

(i) providing a loader with a body, seed magazine receiving and locating means, seed dispensing means for ejecting seeds from a seed magazine, a seed-transporting path leading to a dispensing outlet, ~~and a spacer-transporting path~~ distinct from said seed-transporting path, an elongate channel segment, and leading to a dispensing outlet, wherein said elongate channel segment extends in fluid communication between both said seed-transporting path and said spacer-transporting path at one end and said dispensing outlet at the opposed end;

(ii) mounting a seed magazine containing one or more seeds in said seed transporting path and dispensing a seed through said dispensing outlet;

(iii) placing a spacer in said spacer transporting path; and

(iv) dispensing said spacer through said outlet.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said spacers are placed and dispensed by the method comprising:

(i) providing said loader with a spacer magazine receiving and locating means;

- (ii) mounting a spacer magazine containing spacers in said spacer magazine receiving and locating means;
 - (iii) ejecting a spacer into said spacer transporting path; and
 - (iv) dispensing said spacer through said dispensing outlet.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said spacers are made of a synthetic, bioabsorbable material.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said spacers in said spacer magazine are sterile.
17. (Currently amended) The ~~leader device~~ method of claim 16, wherein said seed magazine contains seeds and said magazine and seeds are sterile and removed from ~~within~~ sterile integrity packaging.
- 18-22 (Canceled)